

CHAPTER 54
RESTRICTION ON REMOVAL OF PLANT LIFE
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571—54.1(461A) Mushrooms and asparagus. Lands under the jurisdiction of the commission shall be open for the taking of mushrooms and asparagus during the hours the areas are open to the public.

571—54.2(461A) Fruit. Lands under the jurisdiction of the commission shall be open for the taking of all varieties of nuts, fruits, and berries unless signs are posted prohibiting such activity. Nut, fruit, and berry gathering shall be permitted only during the hours the areas are open to the public and shall not be permitted in state preserves unless otherwise allowed by the preserves management plan.

571—54.3(461A) American ginseng.

54.3(1) Lands under the jurisdiction of the commission except state parks and preserves shall be open for the taking of American ginseng (*Panax quinquefolius*) during the season established by 571—78.2(456A).

54.3(2) When digging is done to collect ginseng, the earth is not to be unduly disturbed. The collector shall, immediately upon removal of the plant, restore the disturbed area as nearly as possible to its original condition.

This rule implements Iowa Code section 461A.41.

571—54.4(461A) Trees. The commercial harvest of trees from lands under the jurisdiction of the commission shall be done in accordance with 561—8.5(17A, 456A,461A) and 8.6(455B), according to the department's Forest Ecosystem Management Guide, approved by the natural resource commission on December 8, 1994, and hereby adopted by reference.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 461A.35 and 461A.41.

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